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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: ANERA

REF A) STATE 151346, B) JERUSALEM 1608

1. WE PRESUME AID/NE/TECH SENT REF A BEFORE ARRIVAL OF
REF B. IN ANY CASE, WE ARE PLEASED TO SEE THAT ANERA
AND THE GOI WERE ABLE, AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS TO RESOLVE
MOST OF THEIR DIFFERENCES. HOWEVER, IN CABLE REPORTING GUBSER'S
COMMENTS, WE NOTED SEVERAL POINTS WHICH EXPLAIN WHY ANERA
HAS PROBLEMS WITH THE GOI YEAR AFTER YEAR.

2. IN REF A, GUBSER NOTED THAT ANERA ALWAYS TRIES TO LINE
UP LOCAL SUPPORT FOR PROJECTS BEFORE FORMALLY SUBMITTING
THEM TO THE ISRAELI AUTHORITIES. HOWEVER, WHEN TALKING
TO THE ISRAELIS --ANS US--ANERA ALWAYS STRESSED THAT IT MAKES
NO COMMITMENTS REGARDING PROJECTS PRIOR TO APPROVAL BY
THE GOI, AID/W, CONGEN JERUSALEM AND THE EMBASSY. IT IS
NOT SURPRISING ISRAELIS ARE IRRITATED BY ANERA'S TRYING TO
PUT THEM ON THE SPOT.

3. IN ADDITION, GUBSER STRESSES THAT HE WORKS WITH LOWER-
LEVEL PALESTINIAN EMPLOYEES IN THE WEST BANK CIVIL ADMINIS-
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TRATION IN DEVELOPING PROJECTS. THE GOI HAS SAID MANY TIMES
THAT THIS DOES NOT SATISFY THE ISRAELI REQUIREMENT OF
CONSULTATIONS.

4. WE ARE UNCONVINCED THAT THE GOI OBJECTED MORE TO DEVELOP-
MENTAL NATURE OF ANERA'S PROJECTS THAN TO ANERA ITSELF.
THE TRUTH IS THAT IT IS NOT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THIS VOLAG'S

INVOLVEMENT IN EITHER. HOWEVER, MOST OF ANERA'S
PROJECTS--AS WELL AS THOSE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS OF OTHER
VOLAGS -- ARE IN THE END APPROVED. ISRAELIS SEE ANERA AS BLATANTLY
PRO-ARAB AND THEREBY THE BARGAINING PROCESS BETWEEN THE TWO
IS INEVITABLY DIFFICULT AND PROTRACTED. THAT ANERA TENDS TO
CONCENTRATE ON PROJECTS INVOLVING URBAN POPULATIONS AND
ARAB ORGANIZATIONS ALSO MAKES ISRAELIS NERVOUS. AS A RESULT,
WHILE WE SHARE CONGEN JERUSALEM'S WISH NOT TO HAVE TO GO
THROUGH PROLONGED OBSTACLE COURSE OF NEGOTIATIONS YEAR AFTER
YEAR (PARA 4, REF B), WE ARE NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT THE
SITUATION WILL CHANGE.
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